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JOINT EMBASSY/TDC MESSAGE

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C. TAIPEI 1090 (060719Z MAR 75)

1. FOLLOWING ARE Q AND A'S ON US MILITARY REDUCTIONS ON TAIWAN WHICH WE RECOMMEND BE USED ON CONTINGENCY BASIS BY MILITARY SPOKESMEN HERE AND IN WASHINGTON. THEY HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH THE GROC BUT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT GROC WILL HAVE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH THEM. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON APPROVAL AND OUR COORDINATION WITH GROC, WE BELIEVE A/A'S COULD BE USED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE RAISED AS RESULT OF THE MARCH 7 ANNOUNCEMENT.

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A. Q: IS TAIWAN ONE OF THE AREAS INCLUDED IN THE DOD BASE

REDUCTION PROGRAM?

A. YES. SOME TAIWAN-BASED UNITS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS WORLDWIDE BASE REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES.

B. Q. WHAT U.S. UNITS IN TAIWAN WILL BE AFFECTED?

A. THEY ARE USAF UNITS LOCATED DOWN ISLAND AT TAINAN AIR BASE AND CHING CHUAN KANG (CCK) AIR BASE.

C. Q. WILL MAAG CHINA BE INCLUDED IN THIS REDUCTION?

A. NO.

D. Q. WILL USTDC BE INCLUDED IN THIS REDUCTION?

A. NO.

E. Q. WILL TAIPEI AIR STATION (OR 327TH AIR DIVISION) BE INCLUDED IN THIS ACTION?

-. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THAT AT THIS TIME.

F. Q. ARE THE U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT STATIONED AT CCK AIR BASE INCLUDED IN THIS ACTION?

A. AS WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED, THE REMAINING U.S. F-4 SQUADRON AT CCK AIR BASE IS BEING WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR. WHEN THAT ACTION WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, THERE WILL BE A DIMINISHED NEED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT MAINTAINED BY THE USAF AT CCK AND THEREFORE MANNING LEVELS CAN BE REDUCED.

G. Q. HOW MANY PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION?

A. AT CCK AIR BASE, THERE WILL BE REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 900 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL.. THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE APPROXIMATELY 450 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE F-4 SQUADRON. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A REDUCTION OF MORE THAN 100
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AT TAINAN AIR BASE.

H. Q. WITH THESE REDUCTIONS, HOW MANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN IN TAIWAN?

A. APPROXIMATELY 2,800 MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN

I. Q. WHAT WILL BE THE STATUS OF THE U.S. PRESENCE

AT CCK AND TAINAN AIR BASES FOLLOWING THIS ACTION?

A. THE U.S. PRESENCE AT BOTH AIR BASES WILL BE REDUCED TO CARETAKER STATUS.

J. Q. WHEN WILL THESE ACTIONS OCCUR?

A. WE EXPECT ALL OF THE MOVES TO BE COMPLETED DURING THIS COMING SUMMER.

K. Q. WHAT UNITS WILL REMAIN STATIONED ON TAIWAN?

A. IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. TAIWAN DEFENSE COMMAND AND THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP, THERE IS A U.S. NAVY HOSPITAL, THE HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ACTIVITY WHICH PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT, THE SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION AND U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND, BOTH OF WHICH LATTDR PERFORM COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE PERFORMING VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND LIAISON FUNCTIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE CARETAKER UNITS WE WILL HAVE AT CCK AND TAINAN AIR BASES, A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL REMAIN IN THE KAOHSIUNG-TSOYING AREA.

2. PROPOSED Q/A'S ON SHU LIN KOU ARE BEING TRANSMITTED REF B.

3. FOLLOWING THE MARCH 7 ANNOUNCEMENT, IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT A/A EXCHANGE ON TAIWAN TO GET BASIC STORY ON RECORD, THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON TAIWAN. HOWEVER, IF FOR ANY REASON IT IS FELT NECESSARY TO MAKE FORMAL US ANNOUNCEMENT (GROC DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE ONE), WE PROPOSE TEXT CONTAINED

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FOLLOWING PARA. IF ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE CONCERNING TAIWAN WITHDRAWALS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR IT TO BE MADE IN LOW KEY IN WASHINGTON, RATHER THAN HERE. IF MADE HERE, IT WOULD INEVITABLY ATTRACT GREATER LOCAL ATTENTION, WHICH GROC WISHES TO MINIMIZE. IN ANY CASE, ANNOUNCEMENT ON TAIWAN MUST NOT BE MADE UNTIL WE HAVE COORDINATED TEXT WITH GROC.

4. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: ON MARCH 7, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCED THE INITIATION OF A NUMBER OF ACTIONS TO REALIGN INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES USED BY US FORCES OVERSEAS. INCLUDED IN THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ARE REDUCTIONS OF SOME US FORCES NOW STATIONED ON TAIWAN. AS WE INDICATED LAST YEAR, THE REMAINING F-4 SQUADRON AT CHING CHUAN KANG (CCK) AIR BASE WILL

BE WITHDRAWN THIS SPRING. FOLLOWING THE F-4 WITHDRAWAL, THE USAF CONTINGENT AT CCK WILL BE REDUCED TO CARE-TAKER STATUS. THE USAF CONTINGENT AT TAINAN AIR BASE WILL ALSO BE REDUCED TO CARETAKER STATUS. THESE REDUCTIONS AND POSSIBLY SOME MINOR RELATED ADJUSTMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF THIS COMING SUMMER. END TEXT.

5. IF, BY THE TIME ABOVE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE (ASSUMING THAT IT IS MADE), IT IS KNOWN THAT TAIPEI AIR STATION/ 327TH AIR DIVISION WILL BE CLOSED/WITHDRAWN, A STATE-MENT TO THAT EFFECT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCE-MENT.
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